

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A mouse driven splitter program comprising:

means for splitting a display window by dragging a mouse from ~~one~~ a begin point in the display to ~~another~~ an end point in the display;

81 means responsive to said mouse dragging wherein said display divides and forms a separate display window ~~on at least one side of a line defined by said mouse dragging~~ having an edge corresponding to a line passing through said begin and end points. ↑

2. (original) A mouse driven splitter program comprising:

means for splitting a display window by defining with a mouse two points in said display, said two points defining a line;

means responsive to said line defining wherein said display divides and forms a separate display window on at least one side of said defined line.

3. (original) A method for splitting a display window of a graphical user interface, said display window defined by frame borders, said method comprising:

receiving a set of coordinates relative to said display window from a user, said coordinates defining a line; and

dividing said display window into a plurality of panes, said panes defined by said line and said frame borders.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said line intersects opposing borders of said display window.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said coordinates are provided by user via a pointing device.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 3, further comprising:

providing a scrollable list box associated with each of the plurality of panes, each list box containing one or more display options for display in the associated pane; and

selecting by the user one of the display options for display for each of the panes; and

displaying within each of the panes a visual display associated with the display option selected for each of the panes.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein one or more of the list boxes includes graphical representations of the display options for display.

8. (previously presented) A method for splitting a display window comprised of a plurality of panes comprising:

receiving a set of coordinates relative to the display window, the coordinates defining a line transecting two or more panes of the plurality of panes; and

dividing each of the two or more panes each into two additional panes, each of the additional panes having a segment of the transecting line as a common edge.

9. (currently amended) A method of splitting a display window comprising:

dragging a cursor from ~~one~~ a begin point in the display window to another an end point in the display window; and

dividing the display window to form a separate display window ~~on at least one side of a line defined by the cursor dragging~~ having an edge corresponding to a line passing through said begin and end points.

10. (currently amended) A method of splitting a display window of a graphical user interface comprising:

defining two points with a cursor movement in the display window, the two points defining a line; and

dividing the display window to form a separate window display having an edge corresponding to ~~on at least one side of the said line.~~

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the cursor movement is carried out using one of a mouse, touch screen, touch pad or light pen.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the cursor movement is carried out using one of a joystick, pointing stick, or stylus and tablet.

13. (previously presented) A computer readable medium having stored therein instructions for controlling a computer system to execute the splitting of a display window, the instructions including:

obtaining the coordinates of a line defined by the dragging of a cursor from one point in the display window to another point; and

21 dividing the display window to form a new window pane having at least a portion of the line as a border.

14. (previously presented) A computer readable medium having stored therein a computer program having instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method of splitting two or more panes of a display window, the method comprising:

(a) receiving a set of coordinates relative to the display window, the coordinates defining a line transecting the two or more panes of the display window; and

(b) dividing each of the two or more panes into each into two additional panes, each of the additional panes having a segment of the transecting line as a common edge.

15. (previously presented) A system for splitting a display window comprising:

a display;

a computer, including a processor, operably connected to the display; and

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a cursor movement device providing input to the computer;
the processor being configured to display on the display one or
more window panes and to divide each of the one or more window
panes on the display each into additional panes by a line
transecting the one or more window panes, the line being formed
by the cursor movement device, each of the panes having a
segment of the transacting line as a common edge.

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16. (new) The mouse driven splitter program of claim 1,
wherein said edge corresponding to said line is oriented
horizontally.

17. (new) The mouse driven splitter program of claim 1,
wherein said edge corresponding to said line is oriented
vertically.
